Reforming Student Financial Aid in Indiana

Second Year Results from House Enrolled Act 1348-2013



Background

- House Enrolled Act 1348 established academic benchmarks and expectations for state financial aid recipients.
- To continue receiving the highest level of state aid, students must complete 30 credits by the end of their freshman year and continue on that pace in future years.
- First year results were encouraging
 - 21st Century Scholars: 21.6 percentage points increase in enrolling in 30 credits, and 12.5 percentage points increase in completing 30 credits.
 - Frank O'Bannon Grant: Approx. 6 percentage point increase for both enrollment and completion of 30 credits.



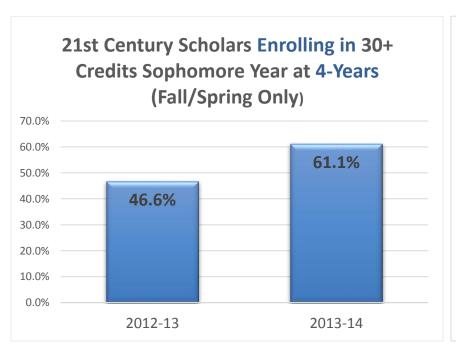
Enhancing the Analysis

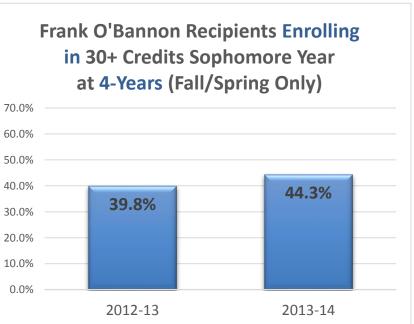
- Incorporated summer and pre-college credit this year.
- Separate results for 4-year and 2-year institutions.
- Sophomore performance of the first affected cohort.



1. Did the first affected cohort continue to outperform past recipients as they progressed through their sophomore year?

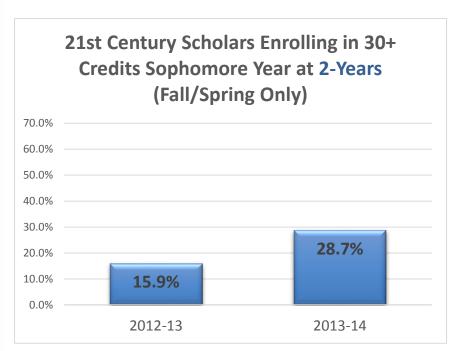
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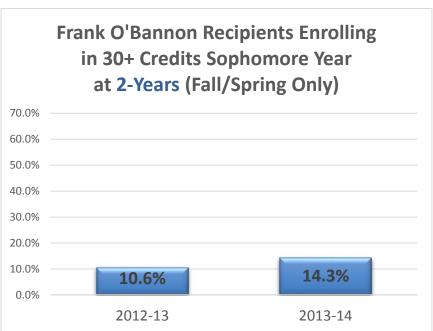






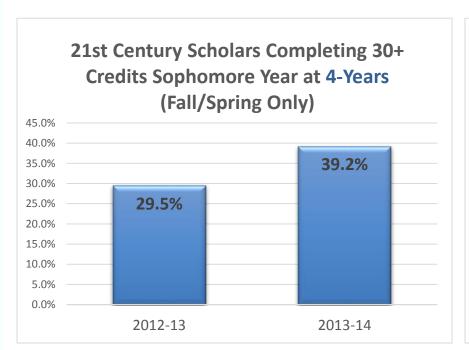
Charts 3-4: Percentage of Students Enrolling in 30+ Credits During Sophomore Year (Fall/Spring Only)

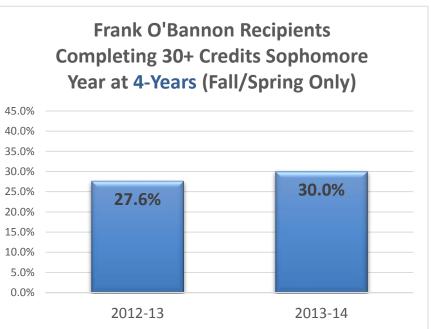






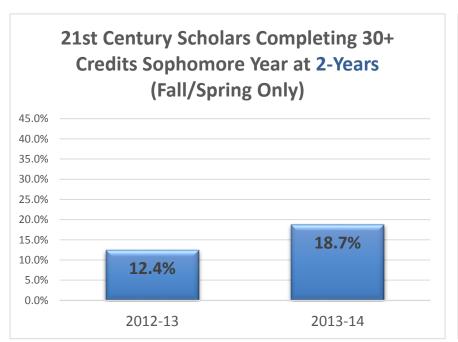
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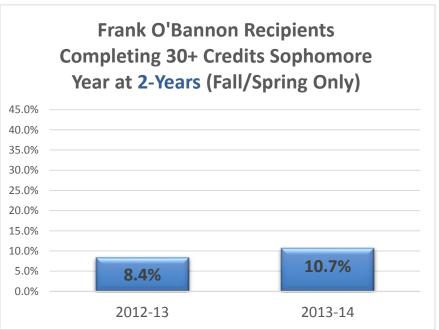






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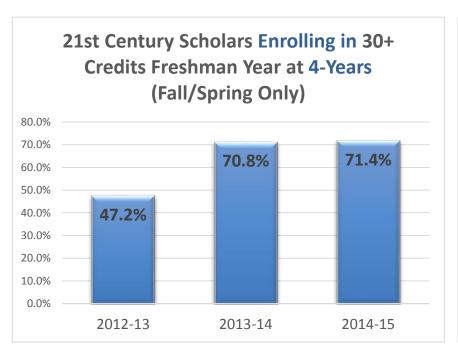


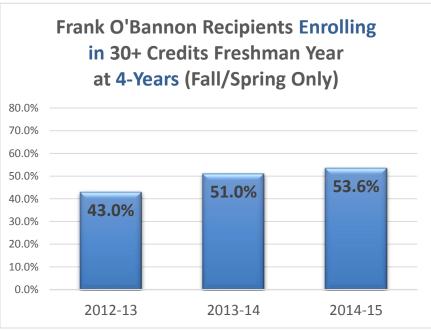




2. Did the second affected cohort match the gains of the first?

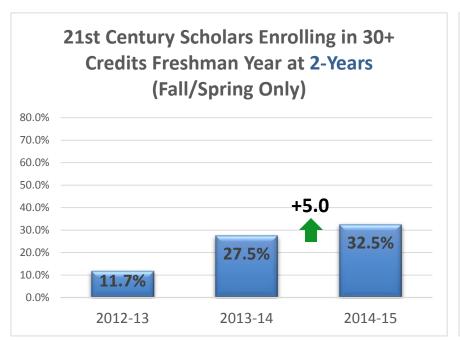
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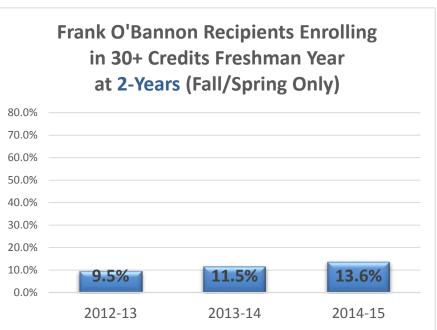






Charts 11-12: Percentage of Students Enrolling in 30+ Credits During Freshman Year (Fall/Spring Only)

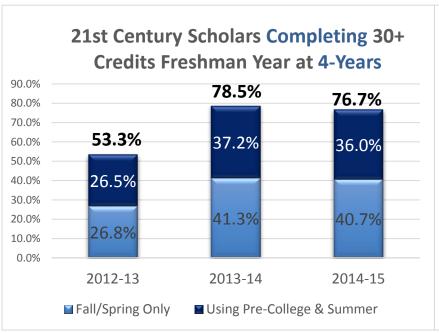


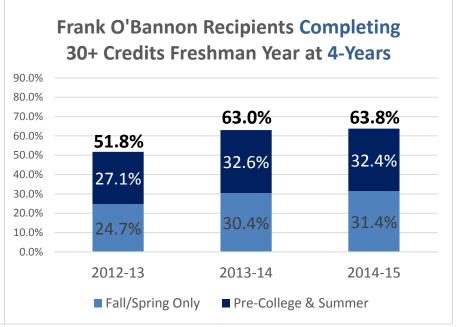




3. Are students relying on summer courses and pre-college credit to meet their completion benchmarks?

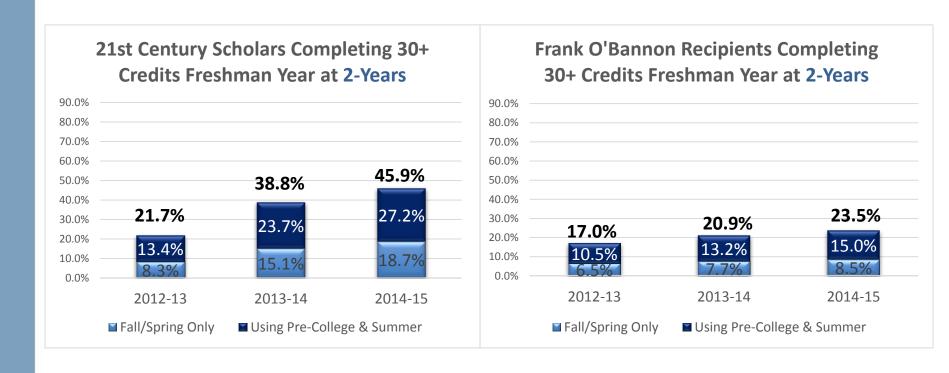
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Charts 15-16: Percentage of Students **Completing** 30+ Credits by the End of Freshman Year (Fall/Spring Only)





4. Do the results differ between two-year and four-year institutions?

Yes, but not in the way one might expect.

Charts 17: Increase in Percentage of Students Completing 30+ Credits, AY 2012-13 (pre-reform) to AY 2014-15 (cohort two)

Scholarship Type	Percentage Point Increase		Relative Improvement	
	2-year institutions	4-year institutions	2-year institutions	4-year institutions
21st Century Scholars	24.2	23.4	211%	44%
Frank O'Bannon	6.5	12.0	38%	23%



Conclusions from Second Year Results

- Overall, the policy continues to achieve the intended results—more students taking and completing enough credits to graduate on-time.
- Further investigation will be necessary to identify whether the impact of the policy varies by geographic region, campus type, student preparedness level or demographics.



Questions?

